

# St. Louis Lampworkers Society (SLLS) Secretary's Minutes

Meeting Date: 11-9-2008

Meeting Time: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by:

Kim Ownbey

We thanked our host for having us:

Glasshopper's Studio

Minutes from the last meeting were not read.

Attendees were: Heidi Sever, Sharon David, Peri Hoglebe, Erin Elswick, Mary Jo Mueller, Denise Peterson, Sue Wuest, Katie Elrod, Joan, Cross, Jaquetta Adams, Emily Flynn, Linda Osterwise, Marilyn Roberts, Lendy Middendorf, Erna Garber, Barb Crofton, Tamara Hawn, Judith McLaughlin, Christine Hummel, Amy Wolff, Kathleen Tarr?, Joan Barzilai, Betsy Loudon, Kim Ownbey, Patti Skonicki

Gallery items were returned from the Gallery Show.

Treasurer's Report: Sue Wuest reported that we donated \$496 proceeds from the SLLS Bead Show to St. Martha's Hall.

Announcements:

Elections for officers are coming up soon. Sue described the treasurer's duties, including banking responsibilities. Kim described officer's positions and stated which positions are open:

Treasurer, Secretary, Vice-President.

She asked for volunteers and nominations; we will vote at the December meeting.

Nominations for officer positions for 2009 are:

President: Melissa Villadiego

Vice-President: Karla Lester

Web Master: Karla Lester

Treasurer: Barbara Crofton

Historian: Marilyn Roberts

Secretary: Mary Jo Mueller

Bead Show Chairman: Sharon David

Librarian: ??

**Q-Tips:**

Patti asked about making fused pendants with painted glass portraits. Answer: Paradise paints is a good brand to use (although they are not in production right now); Glasshoppers has the supplies. Third Degree Glass Factory also teaches this.

Kim asked about hairline cracking in beads with CIM colors, in particular with CIM marshmallow. Large cracks along the mandrel line = thermal cracking; small hairline cracks = incompatibility.

Linda asked about bubbles appearing inside the bead when wrapping glass on the mandrel. Joan: the bead release was not heated enough. To get rid of bubbles, heat the bead at one end and chase the bubbles down to the other end. Otherwise the bubbles will get trapped.

Problem with black glass boiling and bubbling: it is being worked too hot. Also, marvering on graphite can cause this.

Huge rods: how to pull down to a smaller size. Joan: preheat the rod ends in the kiln; get a large gather, push a metal chopstick or other metal punty into the gather and pull out into a thinner rod or stringer; keep heating and pulling until you have the desired amount.

Other News: We discussed a thank-you letter from St. Martha's Hall. It was reported that \$180 from the sale of pastries was achieved for St. Martha's Hall.

Melissa will report on the Gallery Show at the next meeting.

Bead-N-Tell:

Everyone showed the charms they had made for the charm exchange.

Denise showed a lovely drawing she had made of Taz, the horse, for Emily Skonicki.

Patti won the monthly drawing bead made by Tamara.

Charm exchange charms were collected and distributed to the participants.

Next Meeting: Annual Christmas party at the Fun House in Overland. Will have a potluck, Christmas bead gift exchange, and making something on hothead torches.

Demos: There was no demo due to the charm exchange.